

Feb. 15 1946

Mr John Williams  
Briggs Stadium  
Detroit Mich.

Dear Mr Williams:

I am sure you suspect from this letterhead what I am writing you about. I am sure you know The Eagles are a member of The Negro National League. Up to now the only members of our league that have played in Briggs Stadium are The Grays, The Elites and The Cubans. I am writing to ask if it would not be possible to get a date for The Eagles to play. I am sure The Yankees and The Stars would also like to play in Detroit, but I am sure they have contacted you directly.

We had a very good team last year, and I sincerely feel it will be as good as possible this year. I understand of course a city like Detroit wants the best attractions. We had a playoff with The Grays last year to decide the winner of the first half. This will give you an idea of the kind of team we had. This year I am sure we will have Willie Wells in addition to the team. His name is quite an attraction, and I understand he still looks good. Maybe you could get The Chicago Am. Giants to play us in Detroit. I understand Willie's son is on that team. Father against Son should be quite an attraction. Both play s.s. too. I would prefer coming there with an Eastern League team, playing a scheduled league game, but up to now I believe the first thought has been the attraction.

Either Mr Manley or I would be very glad to come to Detroit to talk to you. Believe me we are not selfishly concerned with making money. We both believe the baseball is one of the biggest things our people have financially and Morally, and as a result it is very important.

I will greatly appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible. I understand we are meeting in New York Feb. 22nd, at The Theresa Hotel.

Very Truly Yours